

Falcon News



English Catholic Central School



Wishing you all the best in 2013!

E.C.C.S. staff and students wishes family and friends a Happy New Year!

n behalf of the staff at E.C.C.S., I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year! We look forward to your continued support in 2013 as we work together to create a vibrant, faith-filled learning community!



hile January brings the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In

this sense, it is fitting that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board celebrates the virtue of **Fortitude or Courage** in January. The quote for this month is from 1 Chronicles 16:11, "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek His presence continually". This month at English Catholic Central School, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith by standing up to bullying and by working hard to make the right choice - even when it is not the most popular choice!

Listed below are a number of informational items. Please see the January calendar for additional details!

Our **New Year's Mass** with Father John will take place on Tuesday, January 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. All are welcome!



Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Studies room.



JK Registration for September 2013 will take place on Monday, January 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2009 and would like further details, please contact the school

at 647-4301. Registration is also available online at <u>www.ncdsb.on.ca</u>

Family Literacy Day 2013 takes place on Sunday, January 27th. Please see the attached Journey to Learning Passport for some fun family literacy activities and contests! You can find more information at <u>www.abclifeliteracy.ca</u>





Congratulations to Rob Shillinglaw, winner of the Grade 8 Computer Draw! Many thanks to all who purchased tickets in support of our grade eight students. A special thank you also to Mikrolink Computers for their very generous donation!

Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

A reminder to please listen to the radio or check our website (<u>www.ncdsb.on.ca</u>) with respect to bus **cancellations** on inclement weather days. The school will remain open but the programs available at school may be modified. Parents are

asked to use discretion whether or not their child should attend school, and are reminded that once buses are cancelled they are cancelled for the whole day, so parents are responsible for transportation at the end of the day.



January 2013

Student Safety/Snow and Ice

Now that winter has arrived and the snow and ice are plentiful on the ground, we would all like to play in it and with it! However, as much fun as it is, snow and ice can be very dangerous! In fact, most student

injuries happen during the winter months. In order for our school to be as **safe** as possible, the school rule must be that the snow stays on the ground – no snowball throwing, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful. Students must also be extra careful about **not pushing or shoving** as the ground is frozen! Please remind your child about this at home.

Dressing for Cold Weather

A reminder to all parents that students should come to school prepared to play outside in snowy and cold weather. A hat, mitts, snow pants and boots are required for all students who wish to play in the snow. Should the temperature fall below -25° with the wind chill, students will remain inside for an indoor recess.



NEWS FROM OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH -CATHOLICISM DVD SERIES: Based on the

internationally acclaimed series by Fr. Robert Barron, **Catholicism** is a ten week program that not only explains what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. The winter session will take place on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** beginning January 10th at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (81 Maple Street, New Liskeard).

Topics for the winter session are: January 10th - A Body Both Suffering & Glorious - The Mystical Union of Christ & the Church, January 17th - Word Made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven - The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist, January 24th - A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of the Saints, January 31st - The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit and February 7th - World Without End: The Last Things. For further information contact Fr. John at 705-647- 5035.



This month's criteria for **Student of the Month**:

A student who demonstrates **respectfulness** for self, peers and adults; *a collaborative contributor* who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work, which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.



New Years Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me The brand new year ahead Help me live the way I should As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom That I might help a friend Give me strength and courage So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty Help me fill it with good things Each new day filled with joy And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world A courage born of peace That they might lead us gently And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth A heart that's filled with love A gentle happy way to live With Your blessings from above.

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~

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